

## MUD IN POLAND RUSSIANS' ALLY

Marshy Highways Prevent  
German Advance  
on Fortified Positions.

## BATTLE KAISER'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

Invaders on Rawka Attempt  
Assault with Slow Progress  
—Intrenching Impossible.

Headquarters of the 10th German Infantry Division, on the Rawka River, Poland, Dec. 28, via Courier to Berlin, Jan. 2.—"Artillery exercises for a general infantry attack began at noon. The attack was a day order telephoned and (transmitted) to the German army on the Rawka yesterday morning.

The thunder of a heavy cannonade and the rattle of infantry fire was heard along the whole line during the attack. At one point a brigade was thrown across the swampy valley and succeeded in capturing a footbridge on the other side.

But progress was slow against the triple row of Russian trenches on the left and in the valley on the east bank of the Rawka. A position protected by a broad belt of swamps, in which the Germans cannot intrench, as the trenches lie immediately with water.

Roads Are Quagmires.

The short winter days and the fogs hanging constantly over the valley give the German artillery only an hour or so daily in which to cover the German advance by an effective bombardment. A few days of hard frost and clear, cold weather would make the roads in the road through the forest near the Russian lines. This information was conveyed to the German artillery, and a surprise was arranged for the Russians. At a given signal heavy batteries opened fire on the road.

Batteries Had Range.

The effect could not be definitely determined, as the fog again settled before the batteries could reassemble. However, the batteries had the exact range, however, and the advance was presumed to have been made.

But little was heard during the day from the Russian artillery, which is believed to be short of ammunition on this section of the front.

Although Christmas was a battle day for the Germans, Christmas Eve, which is the Germans' most important day of the Yuletide, was comparatively quiet.

A Russian message had announced a general attack along the whole line at the evening when the Germans were celebrating. The Russian attack, however, developed in force only at one point—against the German army corps to the south of this place. The Russians launched a heavy infantry attack, well supported by the artillery. They were beaten off and lost heavily, particularly in prisoners. Elsewhere along the line the German soldiers celebrated Christmas as nearly as possible in home fashion. There was scarcely a shelter or hut in the trenches and artillery positions which did not display a Christmas tree decorated with tinsel and gay colored candles. That had been reported in the soldiers' newspapers for many weeks. The correspondents riding along the line, saw scores of such trees exhibited by the proud soldiers.

Songs from Russian Lines.

Most of the Christmas packages from home failed to arrive, having been delayed by the miserable roads and the rapid movements of the army. But food, tobacco, bottles of wine, nine of rum and arrack, carefully preserved for the celebration, came to light and helped to give the real Christmas feeling.

The cannonade on this part of the front ceased almost entirely at dusk. Far and near could be heard the rough soldier voices joining in the Christmas anthem, "Holy Night, Peaceful Night." Christmas carols were heard from the Russian lines, too, at one point, probably from the Polish soldiers, as the Russian Christmas is thirteen days later.

At the division staff quarters a large tree was set up in the dining room of a country house. The division commander made a brief address to his staff, in a simple, sincere, and heartily collected with difficulty, were distributed to the men.

## MORE MEN OF FORMIDABLE SAVED

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at his post, Captain Loxley and Commander Biddle, were on the bridge. A policeman on duty heard cries for help, and going to the beach found the cutter with the men, none of whom were in any danger. Some of them were so far exhausted that artificial respiration had to be resorted to. A terrific southeast gale was blowing all the time, and although the men took turns at the oars it was impossible for them to keep themselves warm.

The Admiralty issued a list containing the names of Captain Arthur N. Loxley and thirty-four other officers of the Formidable, who, it says, must be presumed to have been lost in the disaster, as they have not been reported among the saved. The list includes the midshipmen.

Captain Loxley Stood on  
Bridge as Battleship Sank

Brigham, Jan. 2.—Survivors of the British battleship Formidable have been brought ashore here. They say that the ship was struck about the magazine. The explosion was terrific, but the magazine was not reached. Had this also blown up the ship would have foundered without there being time to save anybody.

As the water rushed in the men on the Formidable hurried to the deck. They found that the vessel already had a heavy list to starboard. The small boats were sent out. A cutter foundered and the men in her were drowned. A launch and a pinnace succeeded in getting away. Almost all the oars were broken in trying to prevent the small boats from being dashed to pieces against the side of the ship by the tremendous seas running.

Captain Loxley and his signal man were still on the bridge when the battleship keeled over and went to the bottom.

Ship Torpedoed, Paris Hears, in Navy's Most Secure Haven

Paris, Jan. 2.—The British battleship Formidable, which sank in the English Channel, was torpedoed off Portsmouth by a German submarine, according to a report current in Paris.

Portsmouth is the chief naval station of England. It is situated at the south-west extremity of Portsmouth Island, sixteen miles southeast of Southampton and sixty-five miles southwest of London. Portsmouth Harbor is four miles long, with about an equal width, and is protected by only four hundred yards across.

It has been said that in this harbor the whole British navy might ride in perfect security. The arm of the English Channel with which it communicates is the roadstead of Spithead.

May Have Been Sunk by Mine, Says Berlin Paper

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The news of the sinking of the British battleship Formidable in the English Channel yesterday reached Berlin too late to permit of comment by the German newspapers generally.

Only the "Tagblatt" discusses the disaster, saying briefly that while German submarines already have shown ability to reach the Channel, it is possible that a mine was the cause of the vessel's destruction.

Another of the rescued crew said it was a bright moonlight night when the explosion occurred. The ship sank about an hour after the first explosion. The second explosion which put the boilers out of action made it impossible to lower the steam pin-

With a lot of trouble we launched three boats and a raft, he said, "and the men were ordered to leave the ship. In our party were sixty-eight men and two officers. We were in a launch forty-two feet long. In ordinary weather she could carry 120 safely. While we were launching the boat the sea began to rise, and this made it difficult to send them off from the side of the ship. In doing this we broke all our oars except six. Rockets and colored fires were sent up, but there was no response to them. After we had left the ship the wind rose rapidly until it was blowing a regular hurricane from the southward."

Advances in Millinery for Spring

now shown in the Department on the Third Floor, are accurate fore-shadowings of the modes that will dominate the earlier days of the season.

A specially prepared offering for to-morrow (Monday) will consist of a number of

Smart Spring Hats in satin, maline, and satin-and-straw combination, unusually priced at \$15.00

These Hats are suitable for present wear, either in town or at the winter resorts.

A Sale of Boys' Washable Suits (sizes 2½ to 9 years)

will afford an opportunity for procuring a supply of attractive Suits (including several advance styles for the Spring season) at the decidedly advantageous prices of

\$1.85 & 2.90

The materials of which these Suits are made are for the most part galatea, rep and linen. At the higher price there are also some of silk mixtures.

Several Thousand Yards of Desirable Woolen Fabrics (arranged in Dress, Skirt and Coat Lengths)

will be placed on sale to-morrow at the special prices of

68c., 95c. & \$1.25 per yard

representing reductions of fully one-half to one-third the former prices.

Comprised in this offering will be Broadcloths, Velours, Cheviots, Silk-and-wool Crepes, Plaid and Check effects, and English mixtures in a variety of colors.

How the British Entered.

Describing the British entry, the diary says: "We were actually engaged in a battle, with the words 'From all evil, good Lord deliver us,' each sister joining in the responses, 'Good Lord, deliver us,' with a full soul, when suddenly we heard the heavy tramp of tramp of soldiers and the sound of singing. We trembled, thinking of the terrible Uhlans answering 'Good Lord, deliver us,' in their midnight carouse, but judge our surprise and amazement when we found that it was an English band, and let mingled with our cries of supplication, came, as it were, in answer, 'Here we are, here we are, here we are again!' We almost joined in, but, of course, we dared not wonder in our Irish hearts whether or no it was an Irish regiment that was first to enter, thinking of that dear old standard with the harp on it, the days of the Irish Brigade, and we heard the song which every one seems to be singing everywhere else and always, 'It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary.'"

Dame Theresa brought back with her to England the old banner of an Irish brigade which fought in the service of France against England in the seven-

teenth century, and which had been preserved in the Ypres convent.

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# B. Altman & Co.

## The Great January Sale of GUARANTEED ORIENTAL RUGS

(which will be commenced to-morrow, January 4th, and continued throughout the month) will be one of the most remarkable events in the annals of the rug world.

Owing to their close affiliations with the rug marts of the Orient, and more especially to the annual tours of their own New York buyers for the purpose of making individual selections, B. Altman & Co. are now enabled—notwithstanding a rapidly rising market and an increasing scarcity of desirable Oriental Rugs—to place on sale OVER 15,000 ORIENTAL RUGS, selected from their immense stock, which includes Rugs of virtually every type, size and shape in demand.

Included in this Sale will be several hundred bales of Oriental Rugs from Central Persia, containing many new types.

### 500 ORIENTAL RUGS

Average size 2.6 x 4 (values \$12.50 to \$15.00) . . . at \$6.75

### ORIENTAL RUGS

In a variety of small and medium sizes (values \$25.00 to \$125.00)

at . . . \$11.50, 15.75, 19.50, 24.00, 28.50, 37.50 & 48.00

In room sizes (values \$165.00 to \$3,750.00)

at . . . \$78.00, 95.00, 130.00, 160.00, 190.00 to 1,450.00

### ORIENTAL HALL RUNNERS

(values \$55.00 to \$125.00) . . . at \$24.00, 35.00 & 48.00

## An Especially Important Sale of

## Women's American-made Underwear

to be held to-morrow (Monday) and Tuesday, will consist of newly-made Undergarments of superior materials and workmanship and in the wanted styles, all priced at very much below their real worth.

### WOMEN'S MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

Nightrobes . . . 75c., 95c., \$1.25, 1.45, 1.85, 2.10 to 3.75

Combination Garments . . . 1.00, 1.45, 1.85, 2.10 to 2.90

Chemises . . . 78c., 95c., 1.15, 1.45 & 2.25

Envelope Chemises . . . 95c., \$1.15, 1.45, 1.65 to 2.15

Drawers . . . 48c., 68c., 95c., \$1.15, 1.45 & 1.65

Drawers in extra size may be obtained at 58c., 78c., 1.05, 1.25 & 1.55

Corset Covers . . . 55c., 75c., 85c., \$1.10, 1.25, 1.45 to 2.90

Petticoats . . . 75c., \$1.00, 1.50, 1.85, 2.90 to 3.90

### WOMEN'S CREPE DE CHINE UNDERWEAR

Nightrobes . . . \$3.45, 4.25 & 6.25

Envelope Chemises . . . 1.90, 3.90 & 4.90

Combination Garments . . . 3.45, 3.90 & 7.75

Corset Covers and Underbodices . . . 90c., 1.50, 2.00 & 2.90

Knickers . . . 1.90, 2.90 & 3.25

Also BOUDOIR AND BREAKFAST JACKETS made of the following materials:

Of albatross . . . \$1.65 Of challis . . . \$2.15

Of crepe de Chine . . . \$2.10, 4.25 & 6.75

Of chiffon, in a short model, handsomely hand-embroidered . . . \$5.75

## The Important Annual Sale of

## Linens, Blankets, Bedspreads, Etc.

will be continued throughout the week and will present exceptional values. Items offering special price advantages will be

Linen Damask Table Cloths

each \$1.75, 2.25, 2.65, 3.35 & 4.50

Linen Damask Table Napkins

per doz. \$2.50, 3.25, 4.25 & 5.25

Linen Sheets, hemstitched,

per pair \$3.75, 4.25, 5.50 & 6.50

Linen Pillow Cases, hemstitched,

per pair \$1.00, 1.20, 1.60 & 2.25

Linen Huckaback Towels, hem-

stitched, per doz. \$3.00, 4.20 & 6.00

Guest-room Linen Towels, hem-

stitched, per dozen \$2.75 & 3.00

Turkish Bath Towels, hemmed,

per doz. \$2.75, 3.00, 4.00 & 4.80

Madeira Hand-embroidered Tea

Napkins, per dozen \$4.90 & 5.25

White Blankets

per pair \$4.50, 6.50, 7.50 & 9.00

Also a limited quantity of plain

White Blankets, cut and sepa-

rately bound with colored ribbon,

per pair . . . \$8.50

Comfortables

Wool-filled . . . each \$5.00

Cotton-filled . . . each \$1.65 & 2.50

Bedspreads

Satin-finish, hemmed, each \$3.25

Satin-finish, scalloped, each 3.60

Crochet Bedspreads

each . . . \$1.15 & 1.50

Muslin Sheets

With plain hems, each 48c. to 98c.

Hemstitched, each \$1.05 & 1.20

Muslin Pillow Cases

With plain hem, each 12c. to 25c.

Hemstitched, each 25c., 28c. & 32c.

## A Special Sale of Fur Coats, Fur Muffs and Neckpieces

For TUESDAY, JANUARY 5th.

will present unusual values in Furs newly made up for the occasion and marked at these attractive prices:

### WOMEN'S FUR COATS

Of Hudson Seal, skunk trimmed

or plain . . . at \$110.00 & 150.00

Of Karakul

at . . . \$48.00, 85.00 & 150.00

FUR MUFFS AND NECKPIECES

Muffs. . . Neckpieces

\$9.50, 18.50 Karakul \$8.00, 16.50

18.50, 24.00 Black Fox 15.00, 21.00

21.00, 25.00 Black Lynx 21.00, 26.00

3.00, 12.50 Nat'l Raccoon 5.25, 8.75

14.50 Skunk-dyed Raccoon 11.50

15.00, 19.50 Hudson Seal 15.00

21.00, 25.00 Skunk 12.50, 21.00

10.50, 16.50 Black Wolf 8.50, 12.50

12.50 Blue Wolf 10.50

10.50, 14.50 Sitka Wolf 7.50, 14.50

MEN'S FUR-LINED OVERCOATS

for street or dress wear, will be

offered at the exceptional prices of

\$50.00, \$58.00 & \$85.00

14,000 Yards of

Imported Printed Dimities

at the very special price of

16c. per yard

will constitute an interesting offer-

ing for to-morrow. These Dimities

are shown in a wide range of at-

tractive color effects, featuring

floral and conventional designs,

and are particularly desirable for

Spring and Summer frocks.

Commencing to-morrow (Monday)

a highly interesting display will

be made in the Silk Department of

The New American Colors

for Spring, 1915

(Introduced by B. Altman & Co.)

represented in silk fabrics of choice

qualities, all manufactured, dyed

and finished in the United States.

Included in the display will be

Corded Silks, Chiffon Taffetas,

Marquissette, Lustrous Satins,

Crepe de Chine, Charmeuse, Pop-

lins and Cashmere de Soie, intro-

ducing the new American colors:

Rocky Mountain Blue

Arizona Silver

Palm Beach

Oregon Green

Delaware Peach

Newport Tan

Gettysburg Gray

Tuxedo Brown

and Piping Rock

Inspection is cordially invited.

Samples will be sent upon request.

All Charged or Paid Purchases

(including heavy and bulky ship-

ments) will be forwarded Free of

Charge by mail, express or freight